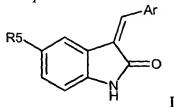


ABSTRACT

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The present invention relates to a compound of formula (I):



wherein

- 10 R5 is selected from the group consisting of 3-pyridyl, 5-pyrimidinyl, -CONH-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), -NHCO-(C₁-C₄ alkyl), halogen, -SO₂NH₂, -NO₂, -CF₃ or thien-2-ylcarbonyl (



) and -CO₂R where R can be hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl; and

- Ar is selected from the group consisting of 5-imidazolyl, 2-pyrrolyl optionally substituted by a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, 2-furyl or 2-thiazolyl,
- 15 in the E or Z geometrical isomeric form or a mixture of the two geometrical isomeric forms.

- The invention is also directed to a method of treating primary and secondary tumours in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I. The invention is also directed to a method of using a compound of formula I to treat cancer, inhibit the proliferation of a cell and induce
- 20 cell apoptosis, comprising contacting a cell with an effective amount of the compound of formula I. The invention is also directed to a method of preparing the compound of formula I.